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Park Authority Increases Land Holdings

The Fairfax County Park Authority has recently acquired nine parcels of land totaling 27.8596 acres. Approximately 21.7 acres are located in the Providence District and the remaining 6.1 acres are situated in Mason District. With the addition of this acreage to its holdings, the Park Authority now owns more than 23,550 acres of parkland, or greater than 9.3% of the land mass of the county.

On December 6, 2005, the Park Authority received 0.5897 acres in Providence District from the Briarwood Trace Homeowners Association. This conveyance will serve as an addition to Briarwood Trace Park, increasing the total acreage of the park to 2.65 acres.

Tysons Woods Park, also in the Providence District was expanded on December 22, 2005 with the donation of 0.6348 acre from Wedderburn Associates, L.C. Park patrons can now directly access the park from Reflection Lane in the Vienna Manor subdivision.

The Park Authority acquired 20.0469 acres along Waples Mill Road in the Providence District with the dedication of land from Waples Mill Manor, LLC. With the adjoining Thomas-Brodie property to the west, this dedication more than doubles the size of a future park and will bring environmentally sensitive land within the Difficult Run watershed under public protection.

On March 14, 2006, the Park Authority purchased 0.4869 acre in the Providence District with funding assistance from the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development. This acquisition will serve as the foundation for the newly established Merrilee Park. The park will provide critical open space within the rapidly developing Merrifield Suburban Area.

In Mason District, the Park Authority purchased 6.1 acres from the Hogge family on May 1, 2006. The Boyd A. and Charlotte M. Hogge Park will preserve open space and provide future recreational opportunities in one of the most densely populated areas of the county (Seven Corners Revitalization District).

Although the Park Authority increased its land holdings by more than 33% over the past five years, acquiring land through a variety of methods and means (purchase, donation or proffer) is much harder today due to increased development, a scarcity of available land and escalating prices. Land acquisition is supported in large measure by citizens who support park bond referenda as well as contributions to the Open Space Land Preservation Fund. For more information visit us online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/openspace.htm> or call 703-324-8578. For information about land acquisition contact the Park Authority Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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